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This report contains the results from the **2009 August Ag Yield** and **Objective Yield Surveys**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys, and to those cotton and soybean producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

Rice Production Up 5 Percent from Last Year
Soybean and Hay Production Up from 2008
Corn, Cotton and Sorghum Production Down from Last Year
Winter Wheat Production Down 65 Percent from 2008

Corn: Corn for grain production is forecast at 60.5 million bushels, down 9 percent from 2008. If realized, this will be the third largest corn crop on record, third to the 2007 and 2008 crops of 99.7 and 66.7 million bushels respectively. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 155 bushels per acre, the same as last year. Producers expect to harvest 390,000 acres of corn for grain, down 9 percent from 2008.

Cotton: All cotton production is forecast at 1.1 million 480-pound bales, down 15 percent, or 196,000 fewer bales than last year. Yield is expected to average 1,025 pounds per harvested acre, up 13 pounds from a year ago, the fourth largest on record if realized. Producers expect to harvest 515,000 acres of cotton, a 100,000 acre reduction from 2008.

Hay: All hay production, excluding alfalfa, is forecast at 3.08 million tons, up 1 percent from 2008. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 2.2 tons per acre, the same as last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.4 million acres of all hay, excluding alfalfa, up 1 percent from 2008.

Rice: The 2009 total rice production for the state is forecast at 97.6 million hundredweight (cwt), up 5 percent from last year's production of 92.9 million cwt. Based on conditions as of August 1, the all rice yield for 2009 is forecast at 6,850 pounds per acre, up 190 pounds from last year's yield. Arkansas producers expect to harvest 1.43 million acres of rice, up 2 percent from 2008.

Sorghum: Sorghum for grain production in 2009 is forecast at 4.05 million bushels, down 60 percent from a year ago. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 90 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from 2008 and the second largest on record if realized. Area for grain harvest, at 45,000 acres, is down 61 percent, or 70,000 acres from 2008. If realized, it will be the lowest area harvested since 1965.

Soybeans: Soybean production in 2009 is forecast at 127 million bushels, up 3 percent from a year ago. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 38 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year. Area for harvest, at 3.35 million acres, is up 3 percent, or 100,000 acres from 2008.

Winter Wheat: Winter wheat production is forecast at 19.7 million bushels, down 65 percent from a year ago. The yield is forecast at 47 bushels per acre, down 10 bushels per acre from last year. Area harvested for grain totaled 420,000 acres, down 57 percent, or 560,000 acres from 2008.

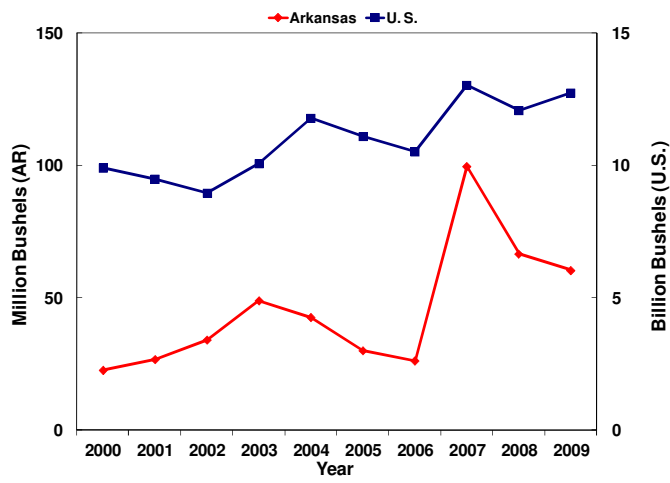
Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2008 and Forecasted August 1, 2009

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Arkansas							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	430	390	155.0	155.0	66,650	60,450
Cotton, All	¹	615.0	515.0	1,012	1,025	1,296.0	1,100.0
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	Tons	1,390	1,400	2.20	2.20	3,058	3,080
Rice, All	²	1,395	1,425	6,660	6,850	92,938	97,613
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	115	45	88.0	90.0	10,120	4,050
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	3,250	3,350	38.0	38.0	123,500	127,300
Winter Wheat	Bushels	980	420	57.0	47.0	55,860	19,740
United States							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	78,640	80,007	153.9	159.5	12,101,238	12,760,986
Cotton, All	¹	7,568.7	7,765.2	813	816	12,815.3	13,207.0
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	Tons	39,082	39,195	1.95	2.01	76,052	78,955
Rice, All	²	2,976	3,000	6,846	7,039	203,733	211,181
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	7,271	5,948	65.0	64.0	472,342	380,537
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	74,641	76,767	39.6	41.7	2,959,174	3,199,172
Winter Wheat	Bushels	39,614	34,787	47.2	44.2	1,867,903	1,537,348

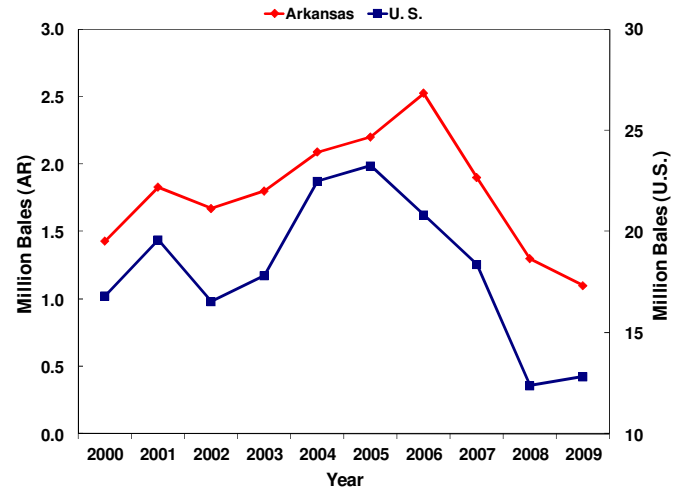
¹ Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

² Rice yield in pounds per acre, production in hundredweight (cwt).

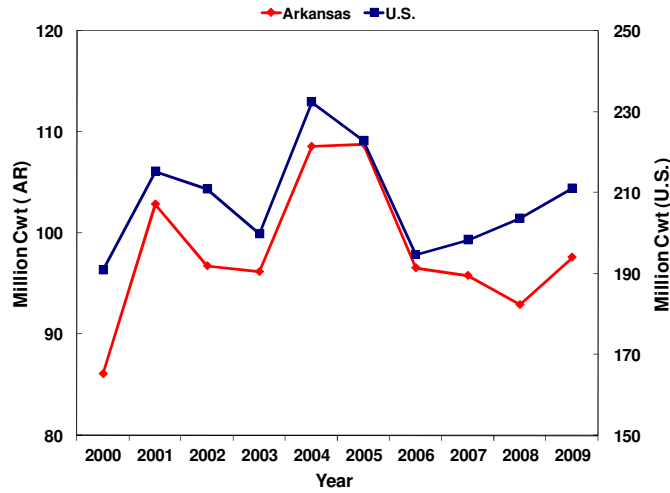
Corn Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2000-2009¹



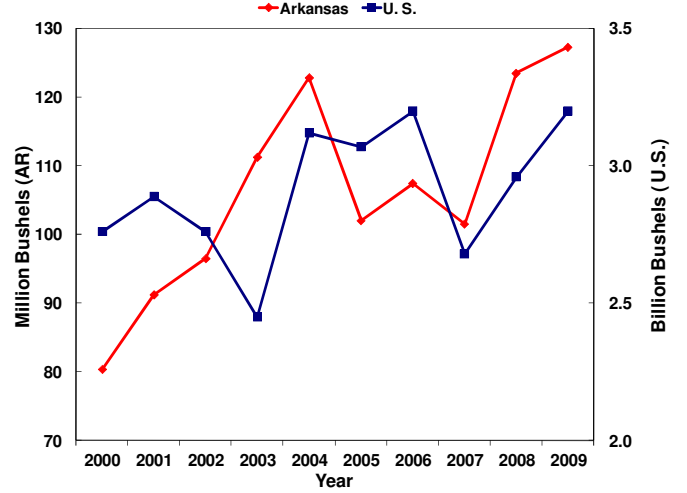
Upland Cotton Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2000-2009¹



Rice Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2000-2009¹



Soybean Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2000-2009¹



¹ Forecasted production for 2009 as of August 1, 2009.